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Former Dutch Queen Beatrix undergoes surgery after fall



THE HAGUE, -- Dutch Princess Beatrix, who abdicated the throne earlier this year after more than three decades as head of state, underwent surgery yesterday after breaking a cheekbone during a fall, the government said, adding that she will remain hospitalized for several days.

The Ministry of General Affairs said Beatrix, who is 75, broke a cheekbone during a fall in domestic environment, but did not say when or where the accident occurred.

"She was operated on this morning and is expected to remain in hospital for several days," the ministry said, without disclosing the name of the hospital.

Kenyan army: Practically all hostages rescued

NAIROBI -- "Practically all" of the hostages who have been holed up at an upscale shopping mall in Kenya's capital after it was attacked by members of an Al Qaeda-linked Somali militant group on Saturday have been freed, Kenya's military says.

Kenya's armed forces launched a "major" assault on the militants last night -- about 30 hours after the Islamists stormed the Nairobi mall. Kenya's Defence Forces said it had rescued practically all hostages and had taken control of most of the mall. Officials said four Kenyan military personnel were wounded in the operation.

At least 68 people have been killed and 200 wounded in the attack, officials said.

U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday spoke to Kenyatta to express his condolences, a statement from the White House said.

"President Obama reiterated U.S. support for Kenya's efforts to bring the perpetrators of the attack to justice. The president also reaffirmed the strong and historic partnership between the United States and Kenya as well as our shared commitment to combating terrorism and promoting peace and prosperity in East Africa and around the world," the statement said.

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The exam committee consisted of mr. E. Witjens, mr. dr. R. Gaarthuis and mr. P.G. Blanken.

The presentation of her degree was in the presence of



Juliska's family members and friends. The University of Aruba congratulates Juliska Kelly and wishes her much success in her future endeavors. The Morning News also joins in to congratulate Juliska on this important milestone in her life... Pabien, Juliska!

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Think Pink and save lids to save lives

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Anna Maria Ramirez of Frasa International Trading, exclusive agents for Yoplait on Aruba, and Monique Palm of the Mary Joan Foundation welcomed media to Ling & Sons Supermarket on Thursday afternoon, September 19, to announce the commencement of this year's program of fundraising. This is the 10th anniversary of the Yoplait campaign being conducted on Aruba. To facilitate greater fundraising, the Save Lids to Save Lives campaign began on that day and will continue through until the final awareness raising Pink Walk & Bike Tour on Sunday, November 3.

The Yoplait lids campaign has also been expanded to include all types and flavors of yogurts under their label, not only those with pink lids. For every yogurt purchased and foil lid deposits in boxes placed in supermarkets around Aruba, Yoplait and Frasa International Trading will donate AWG 0.15 (\$0.09 U.S.) to the Mary Joan Foundation, a local cancer support group.

Mary Joan Foundation is named for cancer victim Mary Joan Geerman, who fought a valiant battle against the disease for 8 years, all the while encouraging other island women with breast cancer to share their pain, fears, and experiences, and so support each other and their families during this often desperate time. Their accomplishments have been establishing a center for free, regularly scheduled mammograms and they conduct seminars and events to educate women about self-examinations of their breasts and the importance of early detection. Anna Maria Ramirez reports that last year Frasa International Trading collected over 125,000 lids, resulting in a substantial donation to the Mary Joan Foundation.

All the community is urged to sign up and participate in the



Mary Joan Foundation and Anna Maria Ramirez of Frasa Trading

Pink Walk & Bike Tour at the close of the campaign. The 5km walk is being organized by IBISA and the 13km bike tour by Tribal Cycling Club. All proceeds from the registration will be donated to the

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"Together, we can make a difference," concluded Ms. Palm and Ramirez.

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Aruba as a Gateway for Trade and Business Between Europe and Latin America

Prime Minister Eman: Dutch Businessmen have realized the strategic importance of Aruba for centuries and it is time to renew that concept

ORANJESTAD – The Administration of Mike Eman has been working hard to restore the centuries old approach of the Dutch to rely on Aruba and its strategic position as a Dutch Island in the Caribbean with close proximity to Latin America.

According to Prime Minister Eman, "The concept of Gateway Aruba is really a rediscovery of a model that has proven its value. It is time to take that same principle that the Dutch recognized centuries ago and update it to the year 2013. It will be a win-win for Dutch business, the Dutch economy and, of course, the Aruban economy."

The Government of Aruba planned and hosted with the co-

operation of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs a three-day international conference from May 5 to 8, 2013 dedicated to promoting Gateway Aruba, called Europe Meets the Americas.

The conference was a dramatic success and attracted a diverse audience of Dutch, American and Latin American companies eager to explore the potential of using Aruba as a bridge for investment and trade between Europe and the Americas.



L.-r. Sir Richard Branson,
Mike Eman and Jose Maria
Figueres

Prime Minister explained, "It is not simply a matter of coincidence or geographical location. Aruba has many key attributes to offer that make the Gateway concept attractive to Dutch and European businesses interested in Latin America. Aruba has a first rate container port, a modern airport managed by the Dutch company Schiphol with excellent connections throughout the region, a multi-lingual labor and well educated labor force that knows the culture of Europe as well as the culture of Latin America, and a high quality of life."

Dutch businesses that establish in Aruba can gain access to countries such as Panama, Colombia and Brazil. Large Dutch multinationals, of course, are already going directly to these countries, but this may be more difficult and costly for small to medium size Dutch companies. It would be easier and less costly for the smaller companies to establish a regional office in Aruba. One

key advantage for them is they would be located in a country of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and enjoy the political stability, strong legal system and the high level of commercial services they would find in Europe.

Aruba is a small country but its economy is larger than its population would suggest. Historically, tourism and the refinery were the two pillars of the economy, but now they are joined by a third pillar, that of a "knowledge economy" focused on becoming a center of sustainable energy and development. Already, TNO has established an office in Aruba and is developing a "Smart Community" of 20 homes that will rely on sustainable energy with the goal of exporting this knowledge to the region.

As part of this broad initia-

solar and wind based energy systems and low energy water systems (production and waste to energy). It will provide educational and training opportunities for Aruban residents, international students and professionals.

On June 20, 2012, the Government of Aruba and the Carbon War Room, the global initiative founded by Sir Richard Branson and other entrepreneurs, announced a partnership to transition the island to 100% renewable energy during the UN's Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development. The partnership would make Aruba the world's first sustainable energy economy, with the Government of Aruba, Carbon War Room and TNO working to both devise and deploy an integrated strategy for the economy-wide transition – a world first, if successful. Carbon War Room accepted the challenge of the United Nations to take the lessons learned in Aruba and apply them in ten other island nations, so the "Aruba model" will be exported globally.

As Prime Minister Eman described in greater detail, "Aruba also views the concept of sustainability broadly; it is more than just renewable energy. We are working to develop a community that is in all aspects sustainable, and that has a high level of well-being and social capital. We want not only 5 star hotels but also 5 star schools, hospitals and homes for the elderly. And of course we want a government that provides 5 star services."

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tive to promote the use of renewable energy, Aruba has established a green tech research center with TNO for test and certification facilities. The center will take advantage of the nearly constant supply of sun, wind and waves in conducting testing and research of renewable energy technology. The center will include full-fledged field lab facilities for



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Local environmental pioneer Ewald Biemans:

"We have not joined the great sustainability wagon by far"



Ewald Biemans

For a few years now, Aruba's major entity, the Aruba Tourism Authority, (ATA) utilizes World Tourism Day as an opportunity to present their marketing results and future strategies to their most local important stakeholders in the industry. The event was conducted on Thursday, September 19, though World Tourism Day is this coming Friday, September 27.

This year, in keeping with the international theme of the day set by the UN World Tourism Organization, "Tourism & Water: Protecting Our Common Future," invited speakers included Marlon Francis Ras, Head of Innovation & New Technology for Water-en Energiebedrijf, or W.E.B. Aruba N.V., the island's water and power producing plant.

Keynote speaker was Owner/GM of the Bucuti and Tara Beach Resorts, Ewald Biemans. He has long been a pioneer of the island's tourism industry, personally winning many awards internationally, and his resort, in particular in the area of being eco-friendly and conscientious, including being the first resort on Aruba declared Green Globe Certified. He is founder and past chairman of the Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA) Environmental Committee, and has been a

board member of AHATA since 1974. He is now on the board of the ATA and the board of Arikok National Park as a long time, staunch supporter of creating this protected environment.

The concept of a 100% sustainable Aruba by 2010 has been a rallying flag of Aruba's current government since 2009. Several events, projects and proposed policies have been passed to move the island towards this goal. As a voice for the need for regulation and enforcement of policies for decades, Mr. Biemans is dedicated to this cause, and an acknowledged expert on the situation as it pertains to Aruba.

"My message today," he began, "is there will be no tourism day to celebrate, if we do not take care of our fragile world. Our world is under siege, it is strained by global warming, overpopulation, and scarcities, one of them being in short supplies, which is water. It is a fact, water is life...to protect and preserve our water supply we need to protect the land that surround the oceans and rivers. I suggest we look at the complete picture."

"In Aruba, we talk these days, and the government is working diligently, to replace fossil fuels with renewables...we need to be careful, however, to not allow these great and necessary efforts to create the illusion we are achieving a sustainable environment. So far, we have not done so - why not?"

"Green" can mean many things. It can mean renewable energy, being entirely energy efficient, being reliant on green fuels...it can mean preserving nature, being environmentally conscious, but it can also mean "community-friendly." When it comes to tourism, "green" can mean everything from using

local products, to emphasizing local culture."

Mr. Biemans cited sustainability as defined in "Our Common Future," also known as the Brundtland Report. "Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present, without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

"This is where we have to be very careful and ask ourselves "Are we meeting our present needs without compromising the future-just to satisfy our current needs? This is what I think we need to do to be truly sustainable. Our patrimony has to be preserved in all aspects: our culture, our land, our ocean, our reefs and our nation. This is a total concept, not just saving energy or planting trees. It is much, much more than that. There is a lot of work to be done in Aruba."

"Tourism itself is a bit of a destructive force. People go diving, they damage the coral... our own people are sometimes not very well aware of the damage they create by cutting down trees, creating illegal dumps, bulldozing lands; there is a lot of work to be

done, and it needs to be done rather quickly."

"In Aruba, we pay a lot of lip service to the green word. We think that we can buy "green" and sustainability by buying LED lights and solar panels, but we tend to forget the world around us. Living things like our culture, our land, ocean, reefs, the mangroves...everything living around us. We are by far not there yet, and have not really addressed some of the pressing problems we are facing on our little baranca. We have not joined the great sustainability wagon by far."

"Our government departments are not enforcing some of the basics: illegal dumping, indiscriminate destruction of land and nature, mistreatment of animals, preservation of fauna, flora and reefs, the mangroves and the ocean. There are laws in place, but they are rarely enforced."

"Here is my plea to you: We all go out there and make sure that we do not continue to destroy what there is. We are all of us neglecting our nature by destroying hectare upon hectare, dumping mountains of garbage into the sea, and the

mangroves, and as a result, killing a sustainable marine environment. We are destroying our reefs and beaches; over-fishing our ocean. We are over-building and destroying our fauna and flora...We are destroying our own natural resources that we depend on for generations to come. What will future generations do if our beautiful beaches and cactus forests are gone, and our island has become a solid mass of concrete? Just think about it...will we convert a national park into an amusement park? Then invite visitors to go there and see what was a pristine island...spoiled by man? Let us be realistic, acknowledge that our nature, our beaches and our sea are the one and only natural resources we have."

"Sustainability is more than just alternative energy sources, it is community involvement, service, preservation of culture, environment and NATURE. Tourism isn't our economic pillar, nature is, because without the unspoiled nature there would be no tourism."

Rosalie Klein



World Tourism Day

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The kitchen is the beloved effort of well known island chef, Jeffrey Roy Elliott, the master in the kitchen of Elliott's Italian restaurant adjacent to Costa Linda. Jeffrey has gone back to his Jamaican roots for this enthu-

siastic effort with his wife Daisy, who loves being the happy hostess.

The regular menu features the traditional cuisine such as Jerk Chicken, Fried Chicken, Beef oxtail, Stewed Pork, Jerk Pork, Fried Fish plus a house specialty, Curried Goat. These are regular items, but Jeffrey prefers to pepper his menu with various "Specials of the Day" made from what is fresh and seasonal.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Estimates: Merkel wins absolute majority in Germany

BERLIN (AFP) - Chancellor Angela Merkel clinched a surprise absolute majority in her winning bid for a third term in German elections yesterday, estimates on public television indicated.

Voters turned out in droves to reward Merkel, often called the world's most powerful woman, with another four years at the helm for steering them unscathed through the debt turmoil that engulfed the eurozone's southern flank.

But in one of the tightest races in German history, they punished her pro-business partner, the Free Democrats, kicking them out of parliament for the first time since 1949, according to preliminary results on two public television networks.

Merkel's stunning 42.5 percent score -- the conservatives' highest result since national reunification in 1990 -- means that she may become the only chancellor to govern without a junior partner since Germany's first post-war leader, Konrad Adenauer.

"Together we will do everything in the next four years to again make them successful years for Germany," Merkel told cheering members of her Christian Democratic Union (CDU) in Berlin.

"The party leadership will discuss everything when we have a final result but we can already celebrate tonight," a beaming Merkel told supporters, including her chemist husband Joachim Sauer, a music fan who so rarely appears in public he is nicknamed "The Phantom of the Opera."

An upstart anti-euro party, AfD, appeared to fall just short of the five-percent hurdle to representation with their bid to tap into anger over German



contributions to bailout packages for stricken eurozone partners.

Exit polls had initially pointed to an awkward left-right "grand coalition" between Merkel's Christian Democrats and their traditional opponents, the centre-left Social Democrats (SPD), which scored around 26 percent.

A physicist by training, Merkel is only the third person to win a third term in Germany after Adenauer and Helmut Kohl, the father of German unity.

If she serves at least until 2017, she will become Europe's longest serving female leader, besting Margaret Thatcher who was Britain's prime minister for 11 years.

European Union president Herman Van Rompuy on Sunday congratulated German Chancellor Angela Merkel on her election win and expressed confidence that Germany would remain committed to a "prosperous Europe".

"I am confident that Germany and its new government will continue its commitment and contribution to the construction of a peaceful and prosperous Europe at the service of all its citizens," he said in a statement, adding "I look forward to continuing the close cooperation with Angela Merkel."

Ferocity of mall attack stuns Kenyans

NAIROBI -- Islamic extremist gunmen lobbing grenades and firing assault rifles assaulted Nairobi's top mall on Saturday. As the attack began shortly after noon Saturday, the al-Qaida-linked gunmen asked the victims they had cornered if they were Muslim: Those who answered yes were free to go, several witnesses said. The non-Muslims were not.

The attack, apparently targeting non-Muslims and Westerners who frequent the mall, shocked many in Kenya for its ferocity, but there had been warnings that it could happen.

Somalia's Al Shabab Islamists said their forces were responsible and the assault was in revenge for Kenya's Army offensive against them in Somalia, where they have been pushed out of most major towns in the past two years.

There had been repeated "threat alerts" of potential attacks targeting the shopping center, but Al Shabab's efforts in Kenya so far were limited to single grenades lobbed at bus-stop queues or into illegal pubs.

By contrast, Saturday's attack was the worst terror strike on the country since the 1998 bombing of the US embassy in Nairobi, in which 212 people died.

Several US citizens were injured or caught up in the assault on the mall, popular with expatriates and middle-class Kenyans, where outlets include jewelry shops, cafes, a sushi bar, and a multiscreen cinema.

Dozens of people were wounded. A local hospital was overwhelmed with the number of wounded being brought in hours after the attack and diverted them to a second facility. Officials said Kenyans turned out in droves to donate blood.



An injured man is treated outside the shopping mall.



Terrified people, black, white and Indian could be seen running away from the compound clutching children while others crawled along walls to avoid stray bullets



An image grab taken from AFP TV shows a Kenyan woman coming out of an air vent where she was hiding during the attack.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Swiss region bans full-face Muslim veil

GENEVA (AFP) - Voters in Switzerland's Italian-speaking region yesterday slapped a ban on wearing full-face veils, a move condemned by the country's Muslim community and Amnesty International.

Results from a referendum in the southern canton of Ticino showed that 65 percent of the electorate backed a proposal to forbid the covering of faces in public areas by any group.

Echoing bans in France and Belgium, the measure does not single out Muslims directly.

It states that "no-one may mask or hide their face on the public highway, nor in places open to the public, except places of worship, nor those offering a public service".

But in a clear nod to the Islamic tradition of veils for



women, it adds that "no-one may require another person to cover their face for reasons of gender".

The measure was the brain-child of right-wing Ticino populist party "Il Guastafeste" -- whose kingpin Giorgio Gignghelli makes no secret of his criticism of Islam.

It is the first time that any of Switzerland's 26 cantons -- the equivalent of US states -- has

imposed such a ban.

It will be anchored in Ticino's constitution, making it tough to overturn, and local lawmakers will now have to craft legislation to implement it and impose penalties on those who fail to respect it.

Reacting to yesterday's results, Switzerland's Central Islamic Council slammed the vote as "yet another loud expression of social Islamophobia".

Leading human rights group Amnesty International also condemned the vote.

With 350,000 people, Ticino is one of the smallest cantons in Switzerland, a nation of eight million.

There are some 400,000 Muslims in Switzerland, mainly from North Africa and the Balkans.

Mexico looks to rebuild from deadly, costly twin storms

An old woman, resident of a rural zone of Acapulco called Agua Caliente, walks amid the rubble of her home, in Guerrero state.

ACAPULCO (AFP) - Mexico looked on the weekend to the Herculean task of rebuilding after a rare double onslaught of storms, with at least 170 people feared dead in the path of destruction.

The death toll in the tragedy soared, with President Enrique Pena Nieto saying another 68

people were feared dead in a landslide in the southern village of La Pintada in Guerrero state. An earlier count put the number of dead at 101.

"The sheer volume of earth that has virtually buried more than 40 homes there means (it would be difficult) to find anybody alive" in La Pintada, the

president said during a press conference with members of his cabinet in Guerrero, the state hardest hit by the twin storms that have since dissipated.

"As of today, there is virtually no hope that we can find anyone alive" in La Pintada, added the president who visited the devastated mountain town.

A police rescue helicopter missing since Thursday also was found to have crashed, with no survivors, the Interior Ministry said. Five policemen were killed, the ministry said in a statement.

Pena Nieto cancelled plans to travel to New York for the UN General Assembly next week and will instead stay in the disaster area to help coordinate relief efforts over the weekend.

An estimated 200,000 people were left homeless and nearly 60,000 were evacuated because of the flooding and landslides in the wake of the storms. Manuel on the west coast and Ingrid from the east, that rocked this country of 112 million.

Officials also began tallying the massive economic damage in a country where the growth forecast already was lowered drastically in August. Road repairs alone will cost about \$3 billion, the transport ministry said.

Early official estimates are that the storms damaged 1.5 million homes in 22 of Mexico's 32 states, along with 72 roads or highways.



A man rescues his dog from floodwaters following Hurricane Manuel in Navolato, Sinaloa State.

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Pope criticises focus on 'idol called money'

CAGLIARI (AFP) - Pope Francis yesterday hit out at an "unethical, unfair" economic system that idolised money,

saying it was behind suffering and unemployment as he visited the struggling Italian island of Sardinia.

The pope was welcomed by thousands as he arrived in Cagliari, the capital of Sardinia, an idyllic island where behind the picture-perfect beaches, youth unemployment is up to 51 percent.

Francis broke from his official speech to tell the crowd of his family's suffering after his father emigrated from Italy to

Argentina.

The pontiff said the lack of a job robbed one of dignity and he criticised "the consequence of a global choice, of an economic system centred on an idol called money." He said he wanted to put the focus back on people.

"Let us all fight the money idol, against an unfair system without ethics in which money rules everything," he said to loud applause from the crowd.

"To protect this idolatrous system we abandon the weakest, the elderly, those who have nowhere to sleep... Even the young are abandoned and left without dignity."



GUATEMALA CITY (AFP) -- Dozens of Guatemalans ride their bikes to promote cycling as means of transportation in the framework of World Car Free Day in Guatemala City on September 22, 2013. World Car Free Day is an annual celebration held in many places across the globe to promote alternative ways of moving around as well as reducing the impact of motorists on the environment.

Health & Living

Paris fashion faces scrutiny over lack of black models



L to R: Bethann Hardison, Naomi Campbell and Iman

PARIS (AFP) - Paris fashion gets underway Tuesday with the industry on the defensive following a blistering attack by Iman and Naomi Campbell over the lack of black faces on the catwalks.

The pair, two of the fashion world's best known fig-

ures, teamed up with US former model-turned-activist Bethann Hardison earlier this month to launch their broadside.

The trio condemned fashion houses that use just "one or no models of colour" in a collection, saying the result

was "racism", even if it was unintentional.

They named dozens of labels they considered to be most at fault including Calvin Klein, Donna Karan and Marc Jacobs.

"Eyes are on an industry that season after season

watches fashion houses consistently use one or no models of colour," they said in an open letter to fashion week governing bodies.

"It can no longer be accepted, nor confused by the use of the Asian model," they added, referring to concerns that the scarcity of specifically black models on catwalks is often glossed over by the presence of models from Asia with pale skin.

The three then took to the television airwaves in the US ahead of New York fashion week to denounce the status quo, with the Somalia-born Iman, 58, warning that the problem was getting worse rather than better.

"There were more black models working then (in the 1970s) than in 2013," she told US television.

"There is a time when si-

lence is not acceptable at all and if the conversation cannot be had publicly in our industry, then inherently there is something wrong with the industry," she added.

The trio's charge has caught the industry on the back foot over an issue it has conspicuously failed to resolve.

The women said they would monitor this season's shows for any signs of improvement.

The Calvin Klein show at New York fashion week, which wrapped up on September 12, subsequently included five black models in a 35-look collection, a contrast to the one or none of previous seasons.

But Didier Grumbach, president of the French Couture and Ready-to-wear Federation, said he felt the accusations were unjustified.

"We have 100 shows representing 22 different nationalities. I don't see how we can be charged with racism," Grumbach told AFP ahead of the Paris collections.

Designers and modelling agencies have said there is a small pool of black models who are in constant demand and therefore difficult to book.

Carbon cleanup would save millions of lives: study

PARIS (AFP) - Reducing fossil-fuel emissions to safer levels would save millions of lives annually by the end of the century, a study said on Sunday.

The estimate is based on a simulation of levels of two big pollutants, fine particulate matter and ozone, from coal, oil and gas.

Researchers led by Jason West at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill derive their model from an emissions projection called RCP4.5.

RCP4.5 is a middle-of-the-road scenario under which average surface temperatures would be about 2.6 degrees Celsius (4.7 degrees) higher at 2100 compared to pre-industrial levels.

Under RCP4.5, there would be around half a million avoided deaths annually in 2030, rising to 1.3 million in 2050 and 2.2 million in 2100, according to the paper.

Avoiding premature deaths would keep people healthier and leave them in the workforce.

That would translate into an economic benefit that, in 2030 and 2050, would exceed the costs of reducing emissions, especially in East Asia, where two-thirds of these fatalities would occur.

The cost advantage, though, would narrow at the end of the century as it would become more expensive to wring out substantial further emissions cuts.

The paper is published in the peer-reviewed journal Nature Climate Change.

It coincidentally appears

ahead of a new assessment on global warming and its impacts that the UN climate panel is due to release in Stockholm on Friday.

Ozone is a triple-atom molecule of oxygen that is protective in the stratosphere, as it helps to filter out the Sun's dangerous ultraviolet light.

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Microsoft to reboot tablet effort with new Surface



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A year after its flubbed tablet introduction, Microsoft is back with a new Surface.

The US tech giant, which has invited media to a launch in New York, is seeking to correct missteps from its first try and gain a foothold in the tablet market dominated by Apple's iPad and others using the Google Android operating system.

Details of the new device were not known, but many analysts expect a more powerful Surface tablet to help Microsoft build momentum in mobile computing.

Microsoft, which is trying to shift its focus to "devices and services" to better compete with Apple and Google, barely made a dent in the sizzling tablet market since in-

troducing the first-generation Surface in October.

The company has not released sales figures, but reported tablet revenues of just \$853 million in the fiscal year ended in June. Research firm IDC said Microsoft sold 900,000 in the first quarter of the year -- a market share of just 1.8 percent -- and even fewer in the second quarter. Apple by comparison sold some 34 million iPads in the first half of 2013.

Microsoft was forced to take an embarrassing \$900 million writedown for "inventory adjustments" due to weak sales of the new tablet, which has a basic version and a more expensive "Pro" model.

Will things be different this time?

Rob Enderle, analyst and consultant with Enderle Group, said he expects the new tablets to be much improved.

"This new release should be massively better than the first one. The trick will be getting folks to look at the product fresh," he told AFP.

Enderle said the first version "was too heavy, too expensive and had poor battery life," and the upgraded Surface Pro lacked a key element, the Outlook email program.

Microsoft appears to have fixed these issues and now has a chance to gain some traction with a device that aims to serve as a tablet with some of the functionality of a laptop PC.

"Right now, people don't want to carry a large tablet and laptop," said Enderle.

"If you can consolidate into one product, it lightens your load and it's a lot cheaper."

Jack Gold, analyst at J. Gold Associates, said the first Surface "was not a complete device" and did not work with many Windows apps.

Gold said Microsoft can succeed with "a reasonably priced and performance-oriented Pro" to appeal to business users, but that the company "has to build momentum before Android makes it mostly irrelevant."

Others argue that Microsoft's strategy has become muddled as it tries to gain ground in the "high mobility" computing segment while still serving the hundreds of millions using conventional PCs on the Windows operating system.

Roger Kay at Endpoint Technologies Associates said Microsoft has been struggling to serve these sometimes conflicting goals.

"The ambiguity of Windows 8 is built into its architecture," Kay said.

"Microsoft has been doing nothing but looking over its shoulder. You need to have your own vision of what people need."

Kay said Microsoft still

has a long road to become a meaningful player in mobile computing.

"High mobility and that form factor are up for grabs between Apple and Google and perhaps Microsoft, but Microsoft will be a distant third," he added.

Kay said Microsoft's best chance in the segment was to build momentum with its acquisition of Nokia's phone business, and extend that into tablets.

Kash Rangan, analyst at Bank of America/Merrill Lynch, said Microsoft is hurt by a "diffused focus" as it tries to reorganize, search for a new chief executive and reboot its mobile strategy with its Nokia acquisition.

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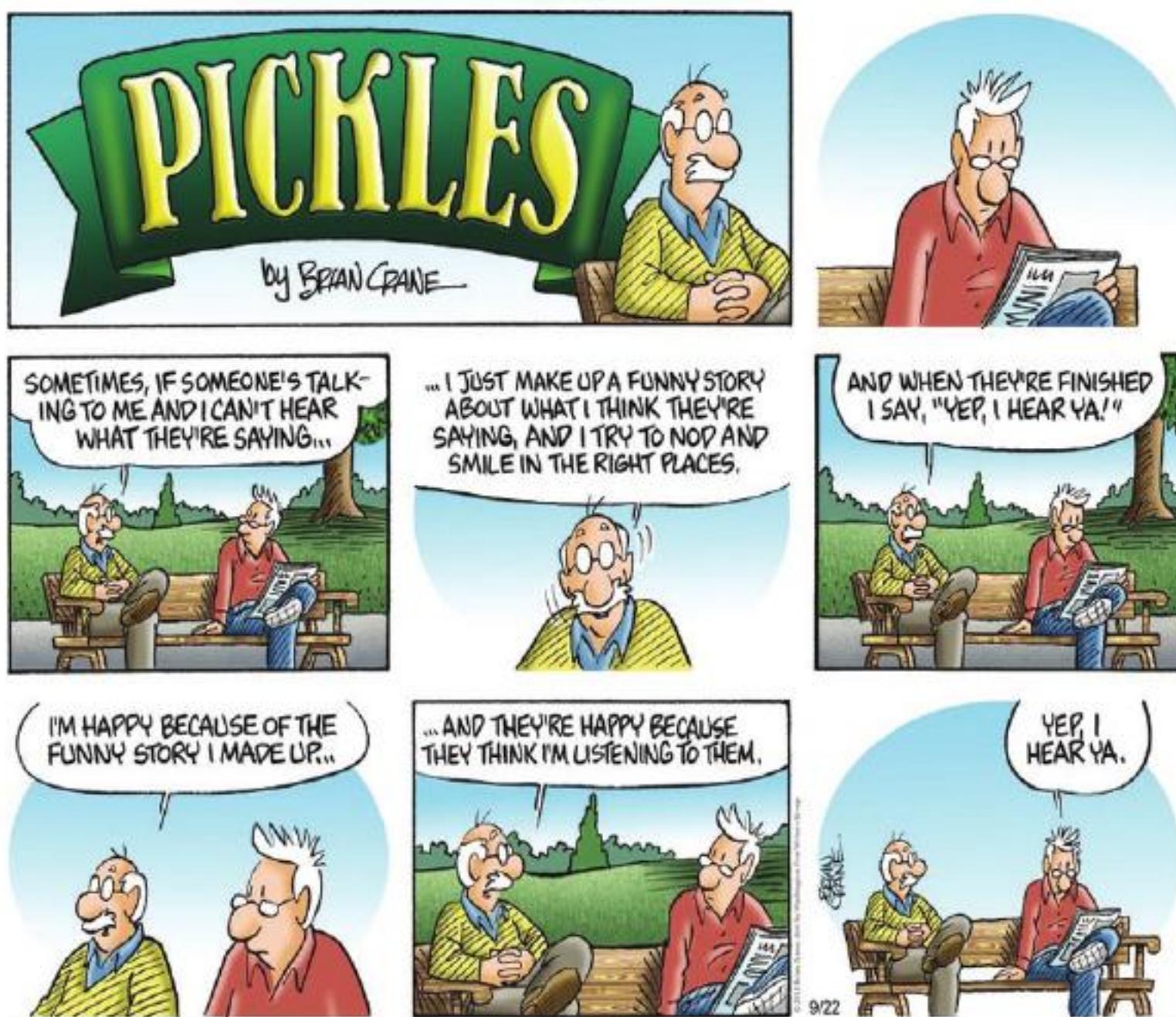


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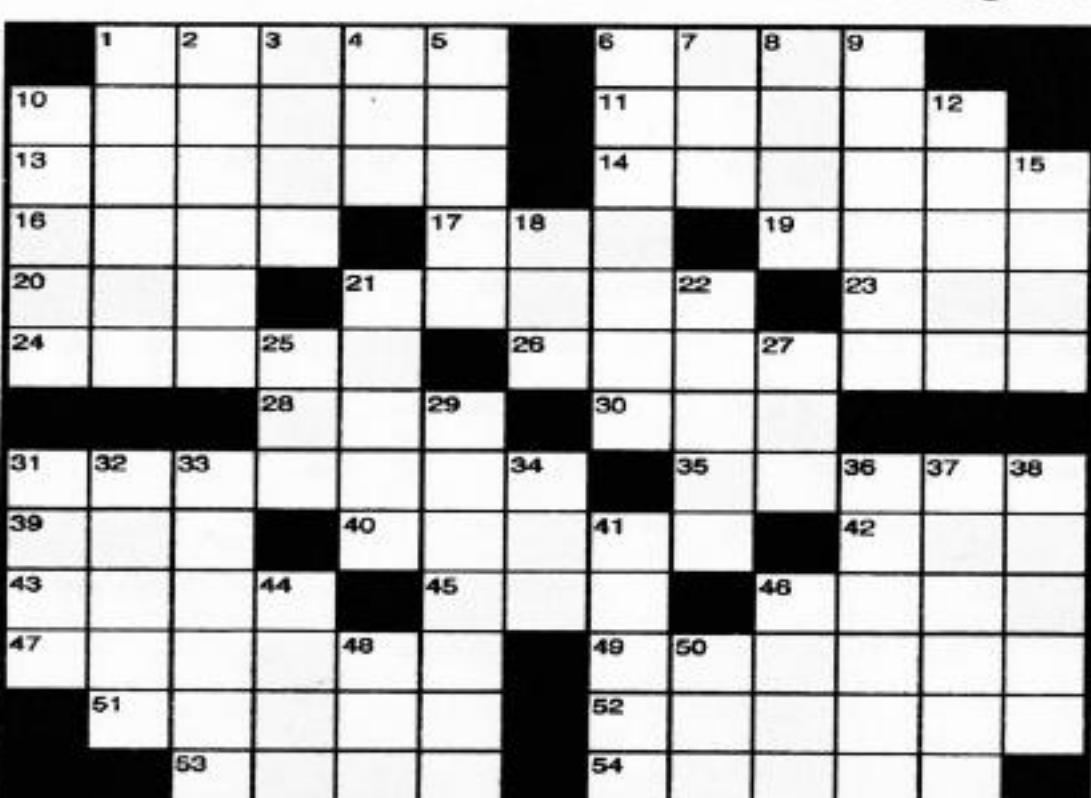


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6. Throw about

7. Circle segment

8. LeBlanc of "Friends"

9. Loud sleeper

10. Singapore — (cocktail)

12. Drummer Gene

15. — of approval

18. Donkey

21. Biblical song

22. Bakers' needs

25. Boring tool

27. Genesis woman

29. Rowdy demonstrators

31. Scandinavian god

32. Seine or Saone

33. Light bulb inventor

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36. Chinese dumpling (2 wds.)

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Central Bank of Aruba to conduct "Consumer Confidence" survey

ORANJESTAD -- During the period of September 20, 2013 through October 6, 2013 the Centrale Bank van Aruba (CBA) will conduct the Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS) for the third quarter. The CCS consists of 21 short multiple choice questions relating to the Aruban population's perception of and expectation on the state of the Aruban economy and on its spending habit.

The CCS provides the CBA with valuable information used for its macro-economic analyses and forecasts, and helps as well in determining the sentiments of Aruban consumers, which furthers the CBA's understanding of domestic economic developments. The CCS may also aid policy makers when determining economic and financial policies and actions. The results of this period will be compared with the previous surveys to analyze the change in the population's sentiments.

During this period, a group of 5 interviewers, hired by the CBA, will survey a total of 400

respondents in order to gather the important data. Interviewers will be stationed at several strategic locations on the island, such as the civil registry office and the post office, carrying an identification badge and a notification letter as proof that they are working on behalf of the CBA. Due to the simplicity of the questions (e.g., would you say that you (and your household) are better off or worse off financially than you were 6 months ago?), the interview should not take more than 10 minutes to complete.

Given the importance of the CCS for Aruba, the CBA calls upon the Aruban public to fully cooperate with this survey. The interviewed persons can be assured that the CBA will treat the information gathered in this survey with the highest level of confidentiality, and the results will be published in an aggregated form only. For further information please contact Mr. Jonathan Upegui (tel. 5252215; e-mail j.upegui@cbaruba.org) of the Research Department of the CBA.

SATURDAY'S Crossword Answer



Recession-hit Italians return to vineyards for harvest



ZENEVREDO (AFP) -- Italian employees work in a vineyard during the harvest in Znevredo, northern Italy. Hard-up Italians have increasingly taken the place of immigrant seasonal labourers in the vineyards this harvest season -- and a new pilot project plans to increase the number even further.



BUCHAREST (AFP) -- People stand together to form a human chain around the Romanian Parliament building in a protest against the Rosia Montana Gold Corporation (RMGC), a Canadian gold mine project using cyanide, in Bucharest on September 21, 2013. People took to the streets to protest against plans by a Canadian company to open Europe's largest goldmine in a Transylvanian village. Canadian company Gabriel Resources hopes to extract 300 tons of gold using thousands of tons of cyanide in Rosia Montana, a picturesque village in the Carpathian mountains. The government recently adopted a bill clearing the way for the open cast mine.

Greece braces for week of fresh strikes

ATHENS (AFP) - Greece is bracing for a week of fresh strikes against planned job cuts, with civil servants announcing further protest action just as the country's international creditors launch a new audit.

Main public sector union ADEDY announced a two-day strike for Tuesday and Wednesday while teachers' union OLME and the union of municipal workers POE-OTA said they were planning a 48-hour strike for today and Tuesday.

ADEDY said the protest action has been especially designed to coincide with the latest visit by the troika's mission chiefs.

Thousands of civil servants demonstrated in Greece last

week, fearing additional layoffs and protesting against a job redeployment scheme demanded by the creditors in return for access to bailout loans.

Civil servants placed on the scheme have to accept new posts or spend eight months on reduced salaries as alternative posts are found, with the risk of losing their jobs altogether.

Overall, Greece has pledged to axe 4,000 state jobs and re-deploy 25,000 public sector workers by the end of the year.

Yesterday, troika chiefs launched a new audit of Greek fiscal performance and reforms that will determine the release of a scheduled loan instalment of 1.0 billion euros (\$1.4 billion) from the country's EU-IMF bailout.

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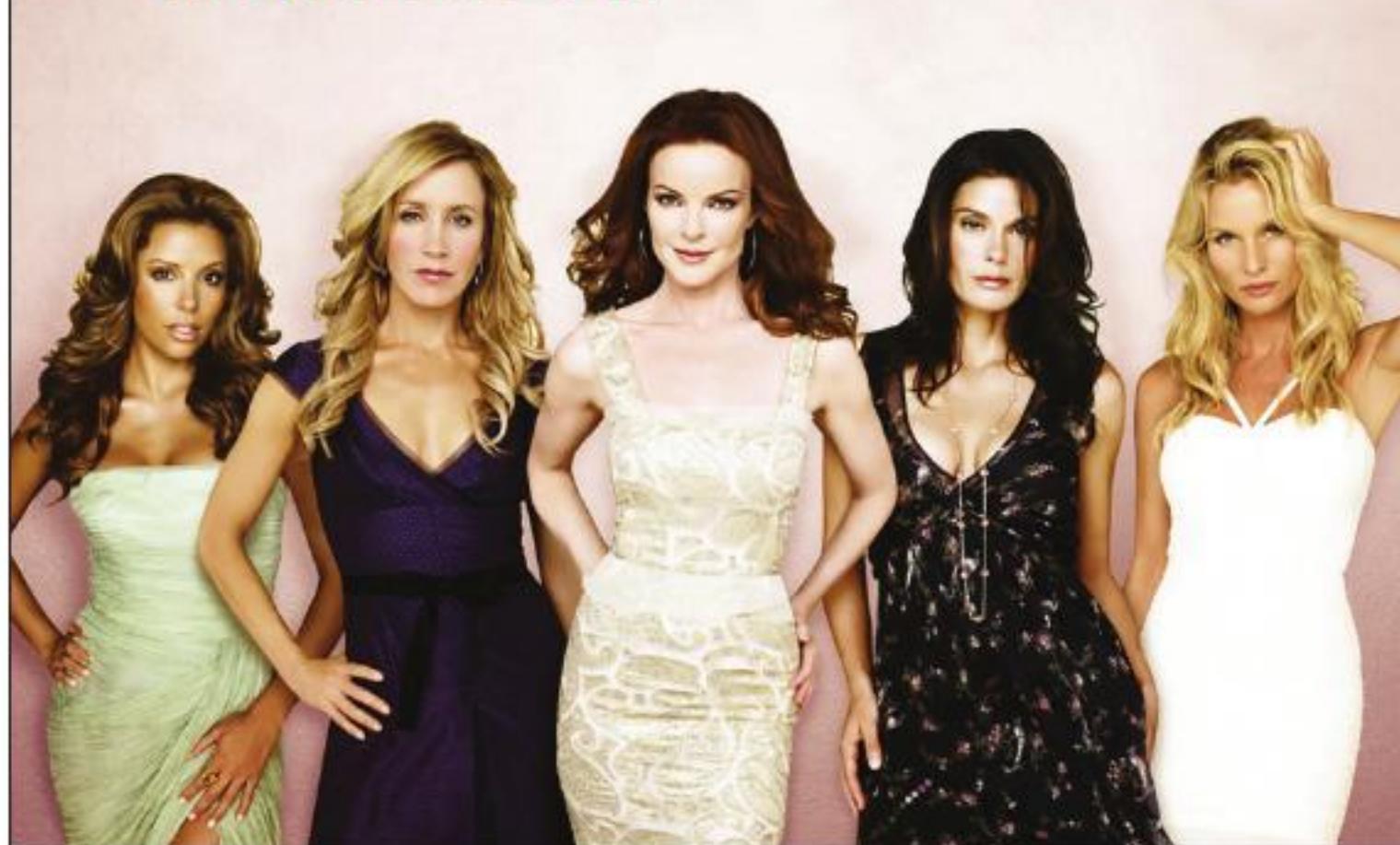


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World watches American TV, not always legally

**DESPERATE
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LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Fun TV fact: "Desperate Housewives" is a cult hit in North Korea. Slightly less surprisingly, shows like "Breaking Bad" and "House" are watched everywhere, from Latin America to China to France.

But, as America's TV stars and bosses gather in Los Angeles this weekend for the Emmys, the massive success of US shows abroad also highlights a clear problem -- a huge proportion of viewers are watching their products illegally.

"It's definitely a big problem," said Tim Westcott, senior TV analyst at international media consultancy IHS Screen Digest.

"People outside the US can download pirate copies of a new US show only minutes after it's aired in the US via various file sharing sites," the London-based expert told AFP.

Beth Braen of the National Association of Television Program Executives (NATPE) added: "Piracy is as big an issue for the TV industry as it is for their film counterparts."

Worldwide popularity

Of course, American TV series have long been popular around the world -- "Baywatch," "Starsky and Hutch" and "Dallas" were staples of television decades before the latest crop of hit shows.

"House of Cards," "Breaking Bad" and "Game of

"Thrones" are among those vying for glory -- and increased riches boosted by awards success -- at the Emmys on Sunday.

But they are popular way beyond America's shores. And the growth potential is enormous: global pay TV revenue last year jumped by nearly 30 percent to over \$184 billion, according to a recent study cited by the Hollywood Reporter.

For example, in France -- long proud of its "exception culturelle" that protects its own film, television and music producers -- American TV shows now dominate TV schedules.

The most popular include "House" -- "Dr House" in French -- and "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation" ("Les Experts"). The biggest hit, "The Mentalist," regularly gets over seven million viewers per episode on France's biggest private channel TF1.

In China, US television shows are hugely popular, even if there is little opportunity for viewers to watch them on the giant nation's state-controlled television stations.

HBO dramas are particularly a hit with Chinese viewers, and are available mainly through illicit online streaming, usually the day after they have been aired in the United States, with subtitled versions following soon after.

In Japan, US TV shows are popular, with even long-running hits such as

"Columbo" still garnering viewers.

Public broadcaster NHK's expansion into satellite television saw it offer a greater variety of series, with recent examples including "Glee" and "Desperate Housewives." Fantasy drama "Once Upon A Time" began its run this month.

N. Korean 'Desperate Housewives' binge

North Korea has always derided "decadent" foreign culture and banned nearly all South Korean and US films and TV shows -- but technology has punched numerous holes in the once impenetrable information barrier around the country.

"Sex and the City" and "Desperate Housewives" are the hermit state's cult favorites.

"I was often asked for medicines, but not as often as I was asked for DVDs of television soap operas," former British ambassador in Pyongyang John Everard wrote in his recently published memoir, "Only Beautiful Please."

"I once lent one contact a set of DVDs of Desperate Housewives and met the same person the next day with big rings under their eyes. They had sat up all night and watched the entire series in one sitting," he said.

In Latin America, illicit downloading or file sharing is rife, with the most popular shows including "The X-Fac-

tor," "Breaking Bad," "Glee," "Homeland" and "Modern Family."

Market growth potential

The potential markets overseas are huge. "TV is unquestionably more international than ever before," Tim Gray, awards editor of industry journal Variety, told AFP.

"As channels proliferate around the globe via cable and satellite, everybody needs more content."

IHS Screen Digest analyst Westcott added: "New markets are opening up all the time (Asia-Pacific, Latin America, Eastern Europe) and new players in the market are always looking for high quality content, ideally in high volume."

But experts compare the state of TV and film piracy to the music industry before the advent of iTunes. Like record producers, TV folk need to find a way to persuade viewers to watch legally.

"Everyone's looking for a new model that will give consumers an option that's affordable and attractive," said Gray.

Netflix, a video streaming service with a huge following in America, is touted by some as possibly pointing the way ahead overseas too.

Its "House of Cards" is the first online-only series nominated for a major prize at the Emmys.

The California-based company, founded in 1997, now has over 37 million members in 40 countries including Canada since 2010, Latin America since 2011, and Britain, Ireland and the Nordic countries since last year.

But its services, and others like Hulu, are likely a drop in the ocean compared to the tidal wave of content being streamed illegally worldwide.

The amount of money TV producers are losing out on due to illicit viewing is difficult to calculate.

"It's hard to monetize these things in the film world -- but even harder in TV," Gray said.

"Everyone agrees it's a crisis, but nobody quite knows what to do about it... Netflix, Hulu and others are trying for options, but there are no easy answers."

Bruce Springsteen sends Rock In Rio crowd Into frenzy



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - US rock superstar Bruce Springsteen mesmerized tens of thousands of fans with an electrifying performance at the Rock in Rio festival overnight Saturday. Playing with the E Street Band, the New Jersey rocker, who turns 64 Monday, kicked off his concert by singing in Portuguese "Sociedade Alternativa," a hit by Brazilian rock king Raul Seixas.

Back in Brazil after a 25-year absence, "The Boss," as Springsteen is known, followed up by belting out his own hits, including the iconic "Born in the USA." For more than three hours, he showed extraordinary vigor and stamina, racing up and down, jumping on a piano, bringing fans onto the stage and giving the microphone to a child who sang his "Waitin' on a Sunny Day."

"It seems that he is the one who is enjoying himself the most and this is contagious," said 34-year-old Fabiana Kupfer.

Springsteen also delighted his adoring fans with a rousing rendition of the Beatles' "Twist and Shout" and promised to return to Brazil soon.

Earlier fellow American John Mayer captivated a predominantly female crowd with spirited guitar solos and by singing his hits "Your Body is a Wonderland," "Daughters" and "No Such Thing."

Rock in Rio, one of the world's largest music events, was to wrap up Sunday night with performances by two heavy metal bands, Avenged Sevenfold of the United States and Britain's Iron Maiden.

The week-long festival, which features 127 bands and artists, was opened by US diva Beyoncé and French DJ David Guetta, among others.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest



--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We

were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer cus-

tom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas, 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department.

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Each year, they refresh 25% of their fleet and retire the older cars. Compared to the U.S., car rentals are quite affordable on Aruba, with the third party liability insurance included in the rental rates, as required by law.

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Budget has become the world's third largest car rental franchise because of their commitment to quality service and product at the best price possible, and the staff of Budget Car Rental Aruba is equally dedicated to seeing their customers smile.

SPORTS

Aruban Aschwin Dabian in second place in South American Youth Games



This past week, Aruba received the good news from Lima, Peru that our own Aschwin Dabian, BMX runner won second place in the South American Youth Games. During the final competition, Aschwin held on fast and finished in second place behind Colombian runner, Diaz. The other Aruban runner, Zaithyel Soekander, who recently won fourth place in the world in his category, had an accident with his bike. Soekander was the great fa-

vorite to win this race.

Our sources tell us that Zaithyel was in first place when in a sharp turn his front fork broke; consequently he could not continue in the race. This is lamentable because Aruba could have finished first and third in the BMX race. We are happy that Aschwin won for Aruba during the first day of the South American Youth Games in Lima, Peru. Aschwin has not won a medal as yet because they have yet to total all the

points in all the cycle disciplines together. Depending on the results in the other disciplines they will determine in which prize range he will fall.

Congratulations to Aschwin, his coach Pedro Estaba and the rest of the delegation. Jordy Groters, our Aruban swimmer, has also entered the final 100m free style, marking the third best swimmer among the 24 swimmers. Great job, guys...keep it up!

Boateng backs Bayern to get better and better

BERLIN (AFP) - Jerome Boateng believes Bayern Munich will only get better having closed the gap at the top of the Bundesliga by sending Schalke crashing to their worst home defeat in over 30 years. Pep Guardiola's second-placed Bayern are now level on both goal difference and points with leaders Borussia Dortmund after Saturday's 4-0 win at Schalke. "We're improving from game to game and we will get better from week to week," said centre-back Boateng whose Bayern side host Hanover 96 in the second round of the German Cup on Wednesday. It was Schalke's worst home league defeat since May, 1981. Guardiola, who took charge of the European champions in June, hailed Bayern's display. "That was our best performance so far in the Bundesliga, we dominated against one of the best teams in Germany," said Guardiola after his side enjoyed 70% ball possession against Schalke.

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Lack of pre-season a problem for Bale - Ancelotti

MADRID (AFP) - Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti believes Gareth Bale's lack of a proper pre-season could be a problem after he had to pull out of Madrid's 4-1 win over Getafe on Sunday after suffering an injury in the warm-up.

The Welshman had been due to make his first appearance for Real at the Santiago Bernabeu having been named in Ancelotti's starting line-up.

However, Bale retired to the dressing room before any of his teammates in the warm-up and was replaced by Isco after complaining of a hamstring injury.

"He had a small problem in the warm-up. I don't think it is a big problem, but we have to wait till tomorrow (Monday) to do a scan to see how bad the injury is," Ancelotti told a press conference afterwards.

"The player wasn't comfortable, he was worried and so it was better to avoid problems."

"He wasn't happy at the time because he was desperate to play his first game in the Bernabeu, but he has plenty of games ahead of him here."

"His pre-season was very unusual, not just physically, but mentally too. He was waiting for a long time and I think this is a problem."

Ancelotti doesn't expect Bale to be available for Real's midweek trip to Elche, but is hopeful that he will be ready in time to face local rivals Atletico Madrid next Saturday.

"I don't know how much time he will be out, we will see on Monday. Obviously, it is unusual that if a player



can't play in a match that he is ready to play in three days time.

"I am sure that he will be ready for the game on Saturday."

On the field Madrid produced arguably their best display under Ancelotti as they recovered from Angel Lafita's early deflected opener for the visitors with ease.

Pepe and a Cristiano Ronaldo penalty had the hosts 2-1 ahead before the break.

Isco then made it 3-1 to make the game safe on the hour mark and Ronaldo added a fourth after Michel had been sent-off for Getafe.

And Ancelotti was keen to laud the impact Isco has made since his arrival at the club after scoring his fifth goal in six games.

"Everyone can see the talent that Isco has. What he has different from most 21 year olds is his character."

"It is very difficult for young players to come here and play in a stadium with so much history and the pressure there is on them, but apart from his talent he has great character."

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Basketball: France win first European title



French players celebrate after winning the EuroBasket championships basketball final match between France and Lithuania (AFP)

LJUBLJANA (AFP) - France ended their long wait for European glory by beating Lithuania 80-66 on Sunday to win the 2013 EuroBasket title -- their first continental crown.

Portland Trailblazers star Nicolas Batum collected 17 points and six rebounds while Boris Diaw had 15 points and his San Antonio Spurs teammate Tony Parker added 12 points for France, who lost to Spain in the 2011 final.

It was a huge relief for France who had failed to take the title after 13 previous top-four finishes didn't produce a crown.

Lithuania were hoping to finally claim a fourth European crown after titles in 1937, 1939 and 2003.

But the Baltic side will have to be happy with a second silver after 1995.

Linas Kleiza tallied 20 points while Mantas Kalnietis scored 19 for Lithuania.

Batum scored 10 points in the second quarter and led the decisive 21-3 French run to close the first half -- effec-

tively taking control of the game with a 50-34 lead at half-time.

Lithuania were able to cut the deficit to 14 points early in the third quarter and late in the fourth, but France would not allow them any closer.

The French dethroned two-time reigning champions Spain in the semi-finals, but the Spanish bounced back to take the bronze medal by knocking off Croatia 92-66.

Jerome Llull scored 21 points while Marc Gasol collected 17 points, eight rebounds and two assists and Victor Claver totalled 16 points.

"We were very disappointed about losing the semi-final against France. Our goal was to take a medal from this tournament. This was our chance. We showed that we are a winning team," said Claver.

The Spanish have won a medal at seven of the last eight European championships, taking gold in 2009 and 2011; silver in 1999, 2003 and 2007; and bronze in 2001.

Rivera honored by Yankees



Mariano Rivera #42 of the New York Yankees poses next to his retired number

NEW YORK-- Retiring relief pitcher Mariano Rivera was honored by the New York Yankees in a ceremony Sunday prior to his final appearance at Yankee Stadium.

Rivera, a likely first-ballot Hall of Famer and all-time saves leader in Major League Baseball, took the field with family members, team management as well as current and former Yankees teammates before Sunday's game against the San Francisco Giants.

"I appreciate you guys," he told the current and ex-teammates on the field, including David Cone, Hideki Matsui, Tino Martinez, Paul

O'Neill, Bernie Williams and Jorge Posada.

"The Lord has blessed me with a big family and all these guys are part of my family. I thank you guys, I love you guys. You are special."

The Yankees on Sunday retired Rivera's No. 42, adding his visage to the team's Monument Park.

"To you fans, thank you for 19 years of support," he said. "It has been a great run. You have been amazing. You have always been here, for me and the organization. I will never forget that. You will have part of my heart here in New York."

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Murray, Romo lead Cowboys to victory over Ram



Murray pushes past Rams' Cudjo

ARLINGTON, Texas -- DeMarco Murray rambled for 175 yards and Tony Romo passed for three touchdowns Sunday in the Dallas Cowboys' 31-7 spanking of St. Louis.

Murray found the end zone once among his 26 carries while Romo completed 17-of-24 passes en route to 210 yards as the Cowboys (2-

1) got back on the winning track following a one-point loss to Kansas City last week.

Romo connected with Dwayne Harris, Dez Bryant, Gavin Escobar on scoring strikes in the win.

The Rams (1-2) were led by Sam Bradford, who made good on 29-of-48 pass attempts for 240 yards passing and a TD toss to Austin Pettis.

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